connycatchers, contrivers of treason and other dangerous persons to meet together and to make their matches, which cannot be prevented when discovered by the governors of the City, for that they are out of the City's jurisdiction

Thirdly, they maintain idleness in persons with no vocation and draw prentices and other servants from their ordinary-work, and all sorts from resort to sermons and other Christian exercises, to the great hindrance of trades and profanation of religion

Fourthly, in time of sicLness many having sores and yet not heartsick take occasion to wall abroad and hear a play, whereby others are infected and themselves also many times miscarry

In answer to this petition the Council direct that not only shall no plays be used in London during this summer, but that the Curtain and Theatre in Shoreditch and the playhouses on the Bankside shall be plucked down, and present order taken that no plays be used in any public place within three miles of the City till Allhallow tide Likewise the magistrates shall send for the owners of the playhouses and enjoin them to pluck down quite the stages, galleries and rooms and so to deface them that they may not again be employed to such use

A LEWD PLAY

Much offence also is caused by a play called *The Isle of Dogs,* full of seditious and slanderous matter, written by Nashe and Jonson, and pkyed by my Lord of Pembroke's men at the Swan. Nashe is fled away, but Spencer, Shaa and Jonson (who also acted in the play) are apprehended and committed to prison. Playing is now stayed

There is almost hourly complaint of devastation upon the Scottish Border, wherefore the Queen hath commanded that those principal gentlemen of the Border, as the Withenngtons, tie Selbys and others, that are with the fleet at Plymouth shall be sent back

In Ireland my Lord Burgh hath taken the fort at Blackwater on the 14th m a skirmish between some of the traitors' horse and foot, but his horse, led by Captain Turner, the Sergeant Major, engaged themselves too far into a wood so that he and